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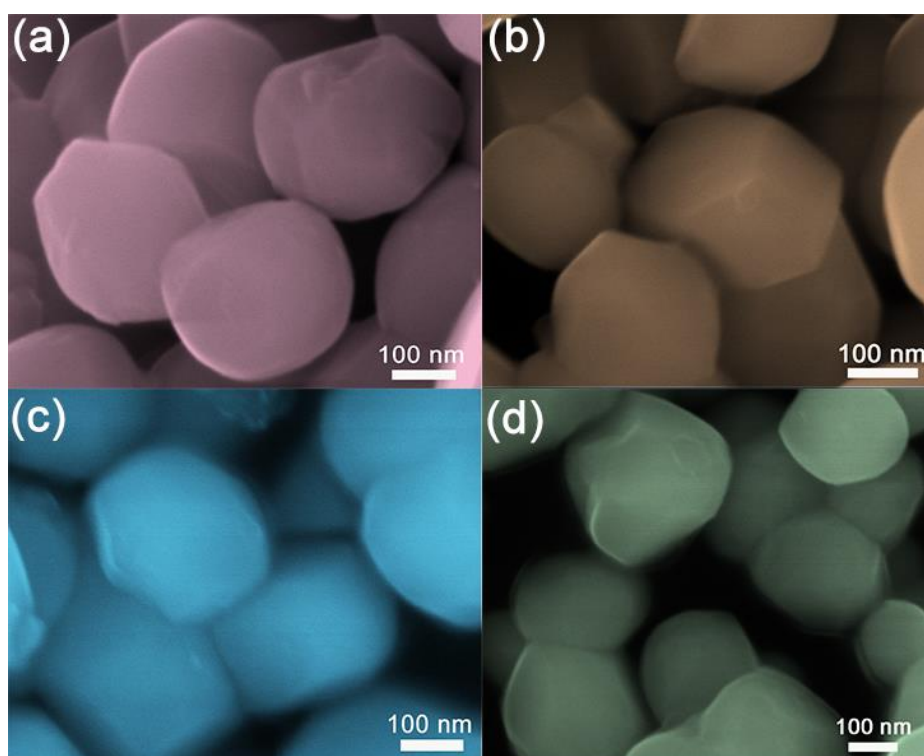


Figure S1 SEM images of **(a)** LNMCO and **(b-d)** 1 %, 2% and 3% LiTaO₃ samples.

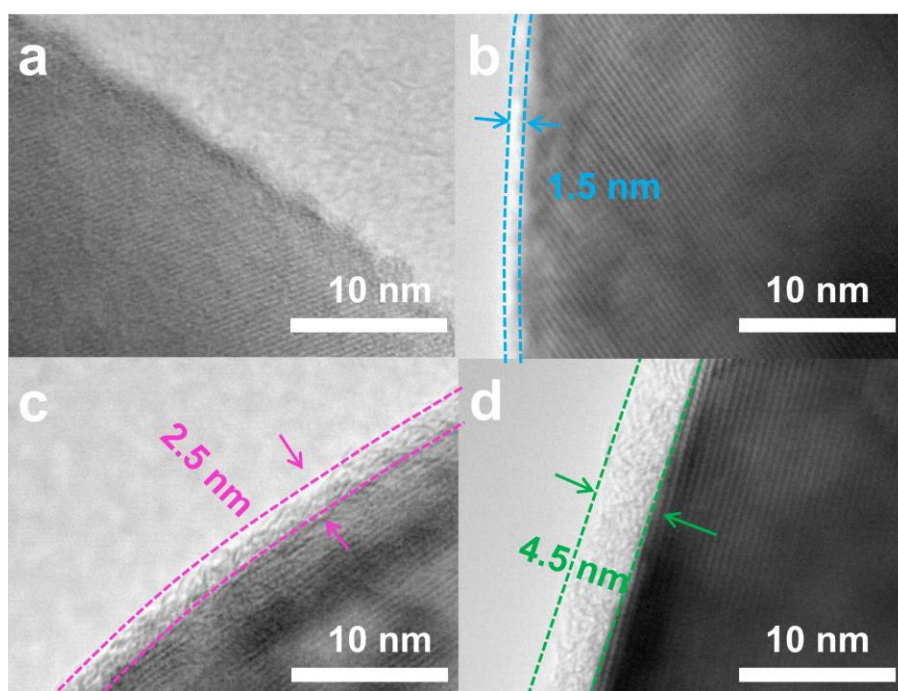


Figure S2 TEM images of (a) LNMCO and (b-d) 1 %, 2% and 3% LiTaO₃ samples.

To distinguish the surface morphologies among LNMCO and the modified samples, TEM (JEM-2100PLUS) images were collected to compare the thickness and homogeneity of all the as-prepared samples (**Figure S2**).

Compared with LNMCO, uniform layers are unexceptionally observed on the surface of LiTaO₃-modified samples. Though the decoration layers are generally thin, which are hard to be probed by SEM, they are homogeneously distributed outside the LNMCO particles with increased thickness as the LiTaO₃ content enhances from TEM observations.

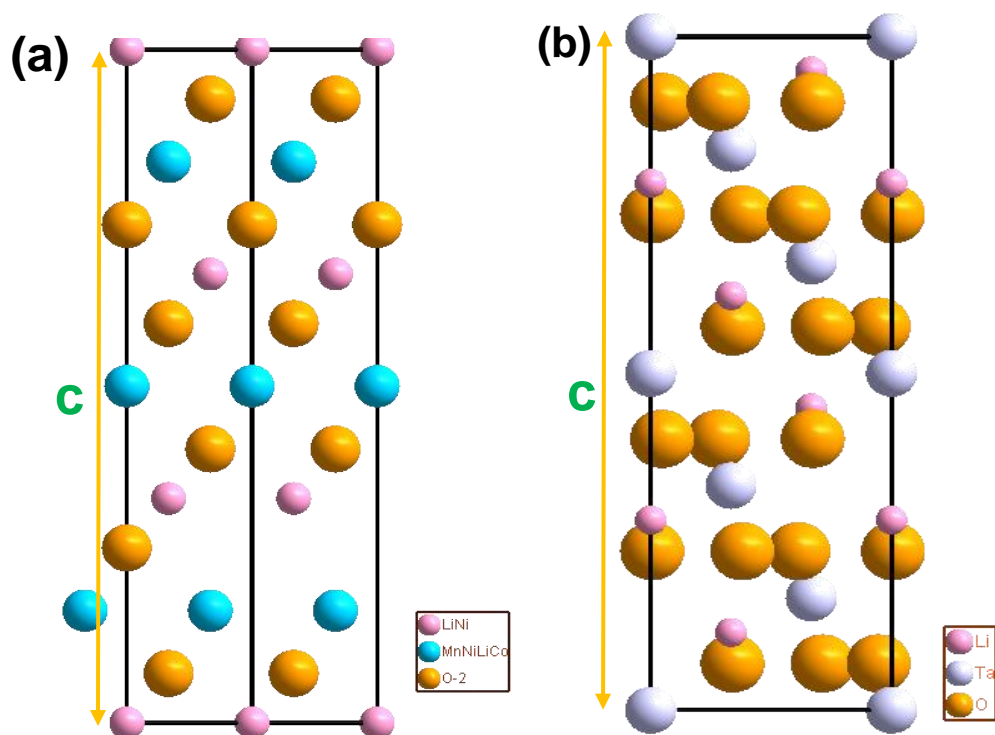


Figure S3 Diagrams of the (a) LNMCO and (b) LiTaO₃ crystal structures.

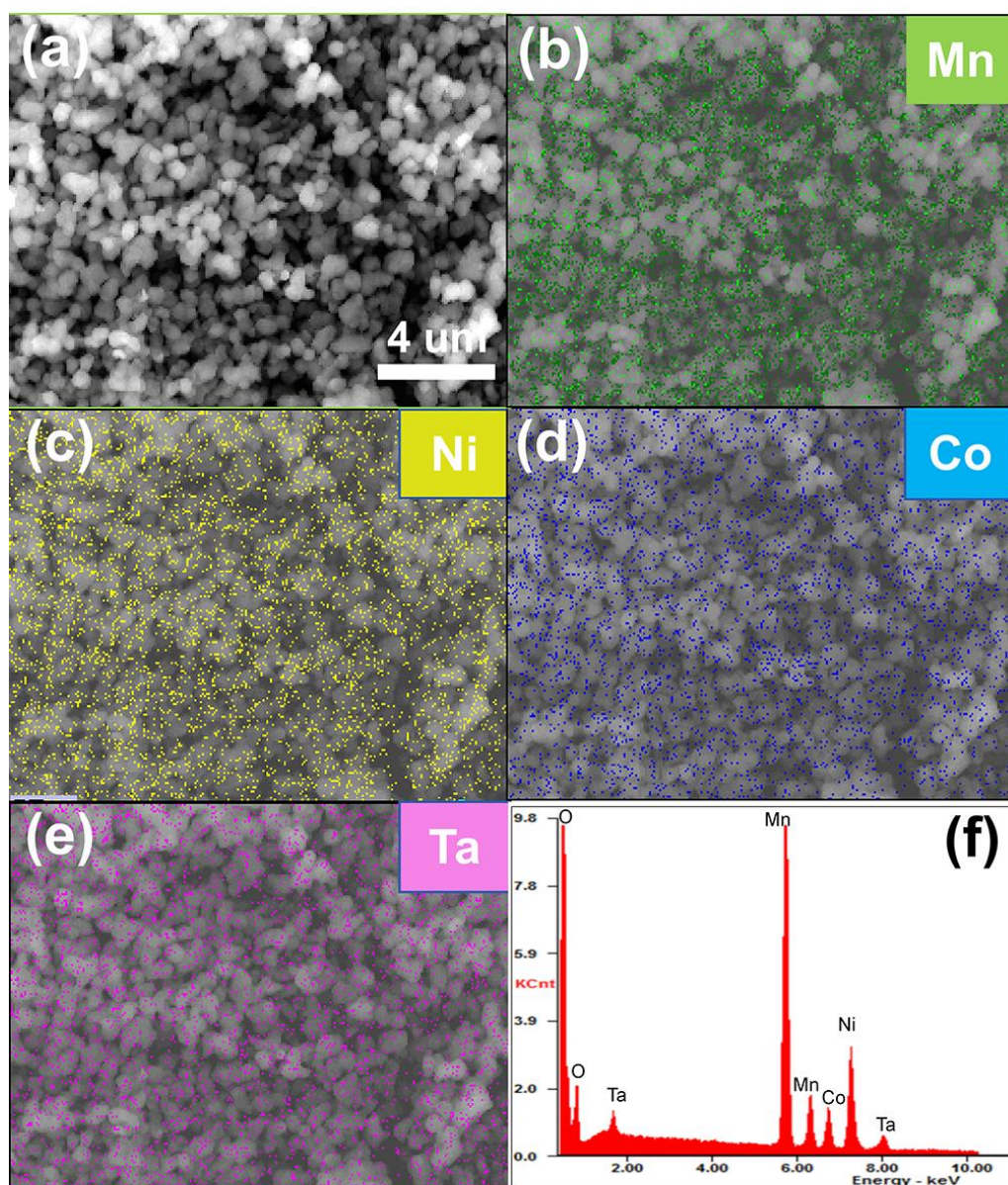


Figure S4 (a) SEM image and the (b-e) element mappings as well as (f) EDS spectrum for the 2 % LiTaO₃ sample.

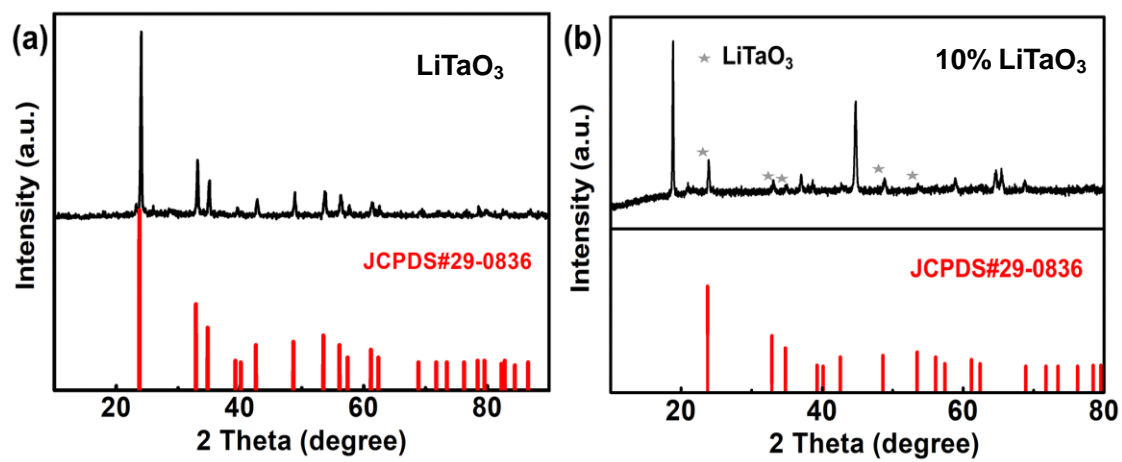


Figure S5 XRD patterns of the (a) LiTaO₃ and (b) 10 % LiTaO₃.

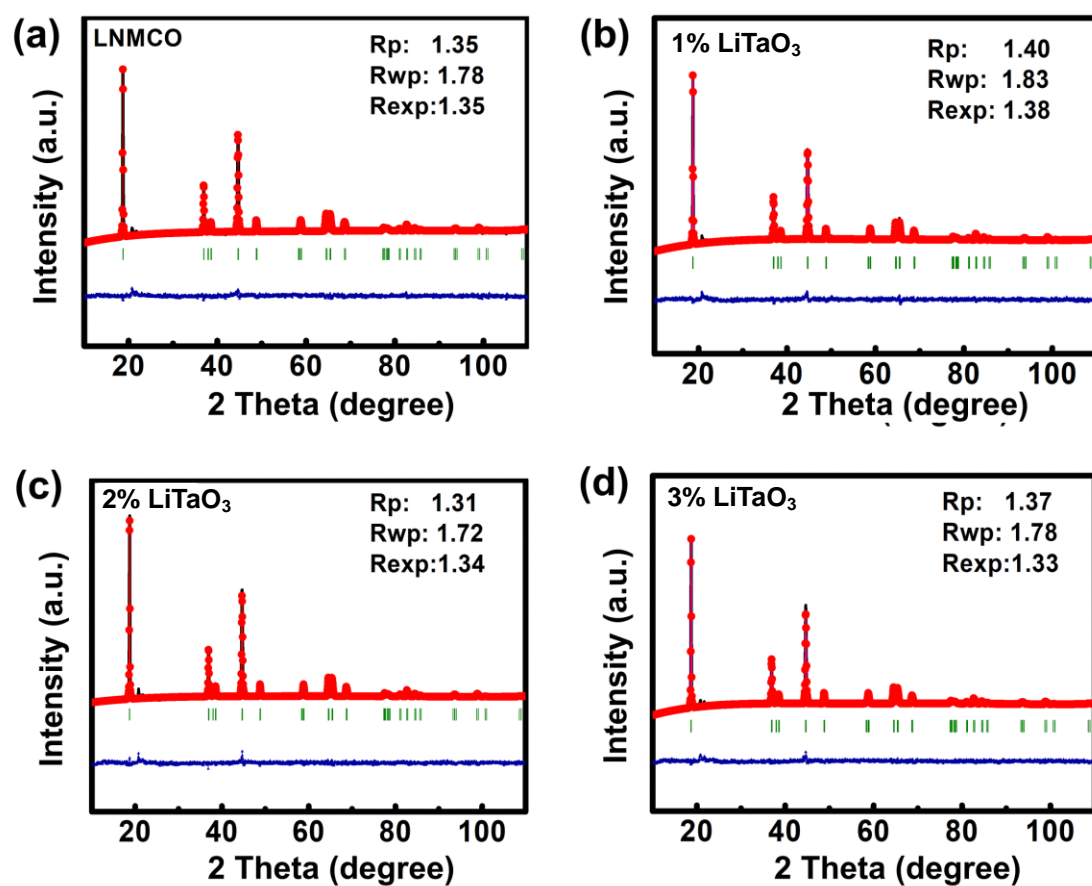


Figure S6 Rietveld refinement XRD spectra of (a) LNMCO, (b) 1%, (c) 2% and (d) 3% LiTaO₃

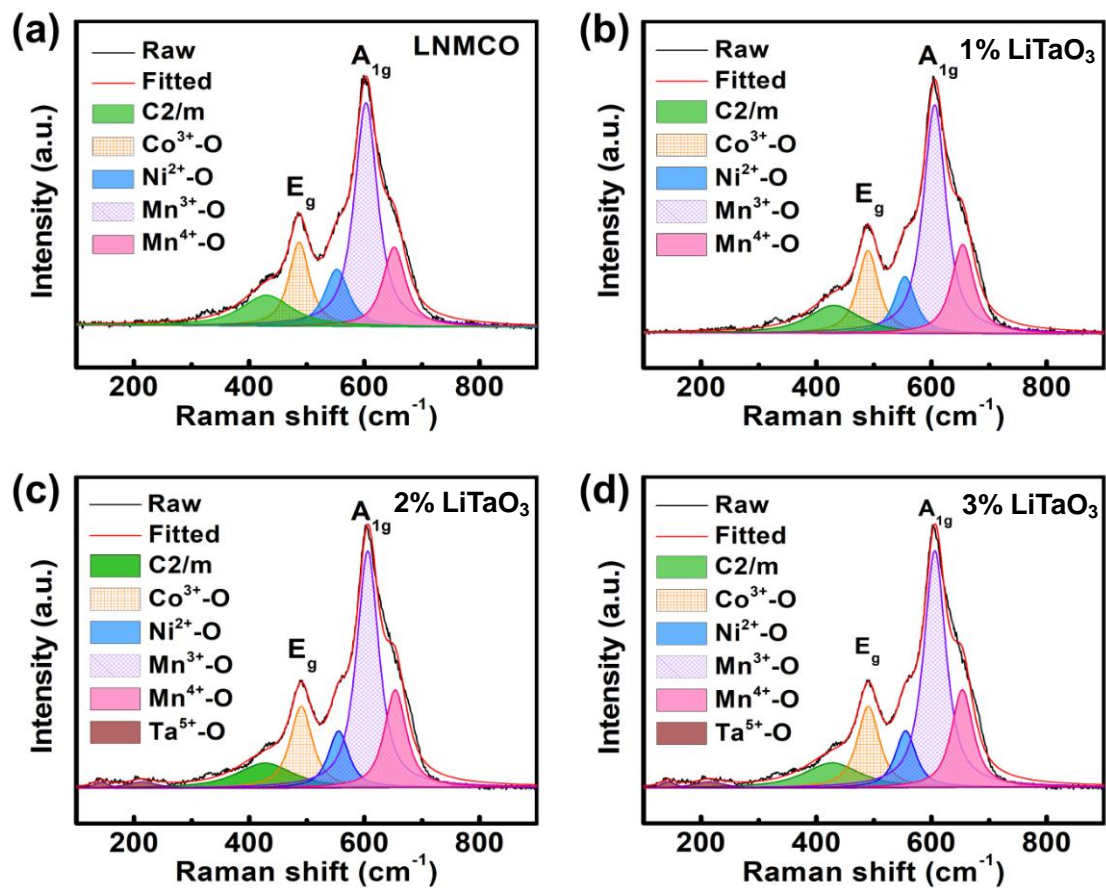


Figure S7 Raman fitting results of (a) LNMCO, (b) 1%, (c) 2% and (d) 3% LiTaO_3 samples.

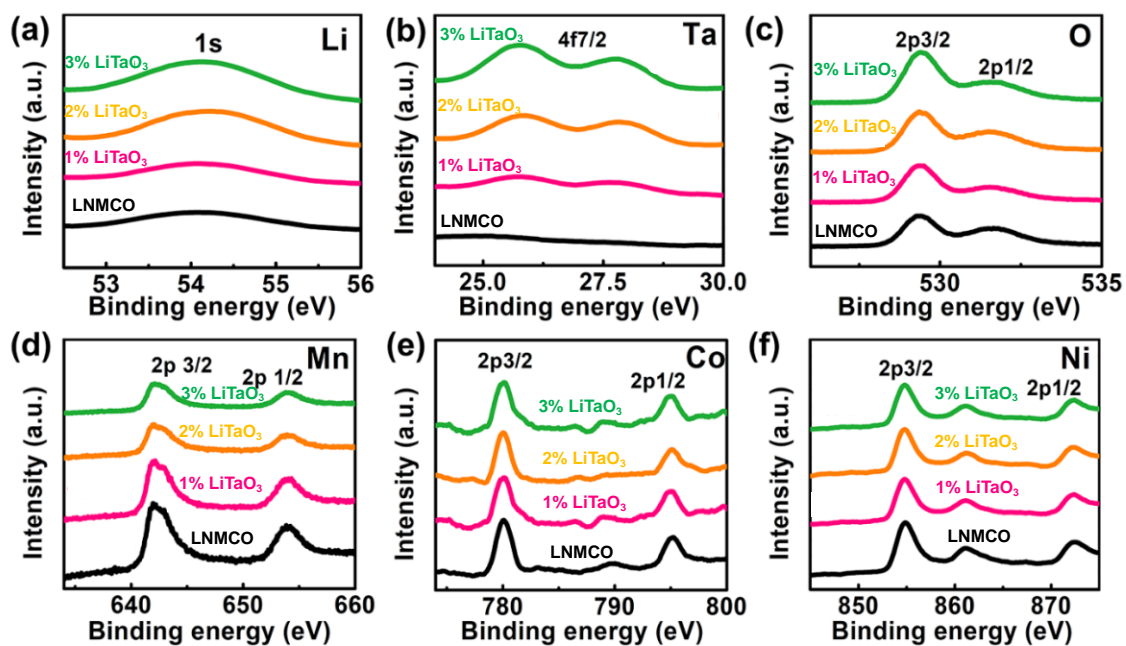


Figure S8 XPS spectra for (a) Li, (b) Ta, (c) O, (d) Mn, (e) Co and (f) Ni in the pristine LNMCO, 1 %, 2% and 3% LiTaO₃ samples.

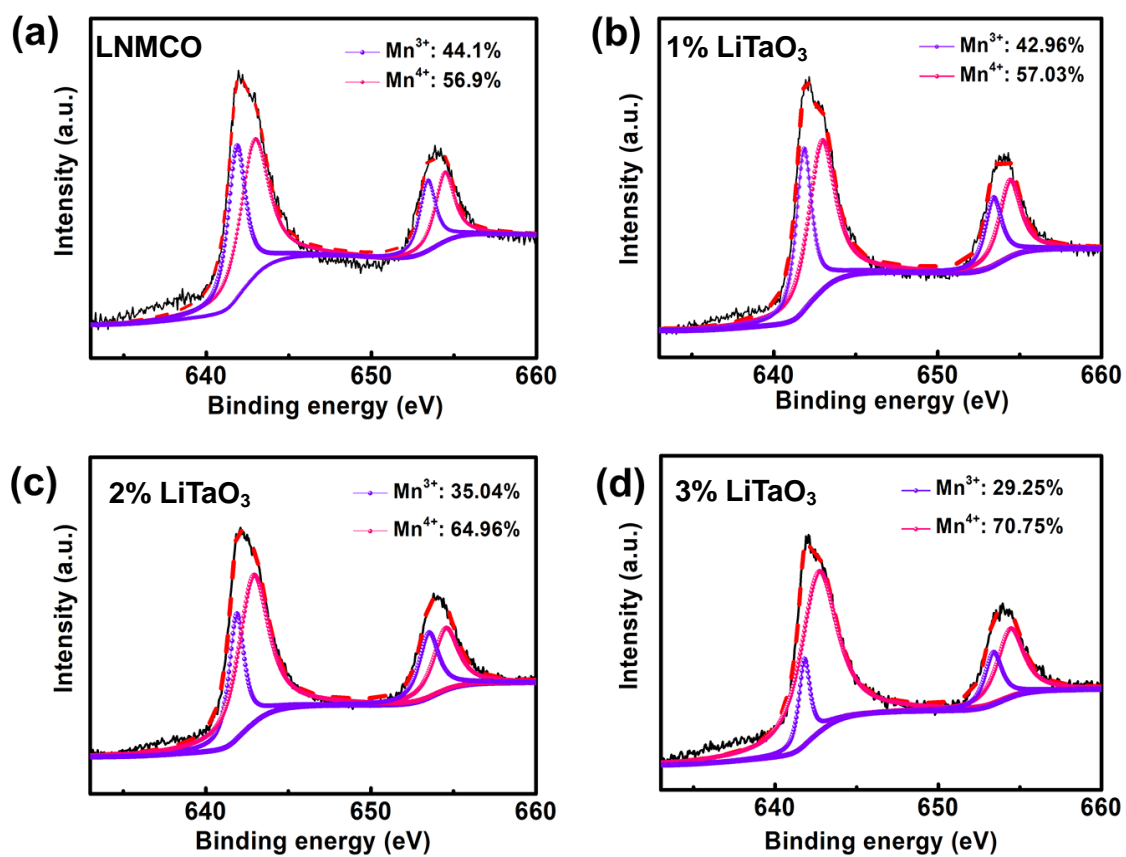


Figure S9 Fitting XPS spectra of Mn element in (a) LNMCO, (b) 1%, (c) 2 % and (d) 3 % $LiTaO_3$ samples.

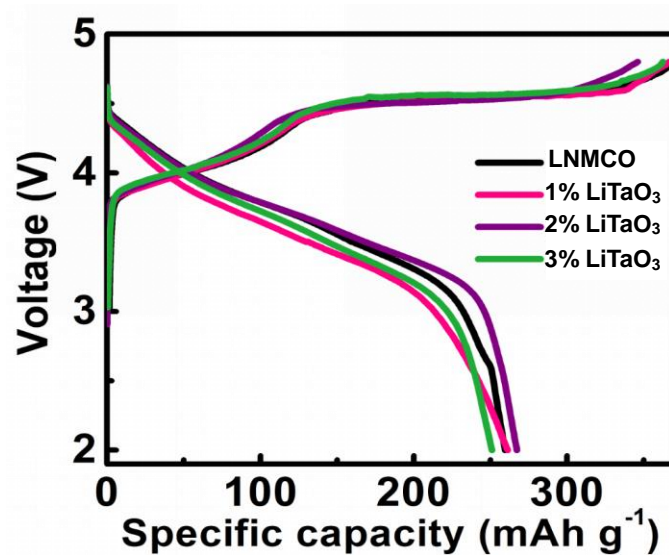


Figure S10 Charge and discharge profiles of LNMCO before and after LiTaO₃ modification.

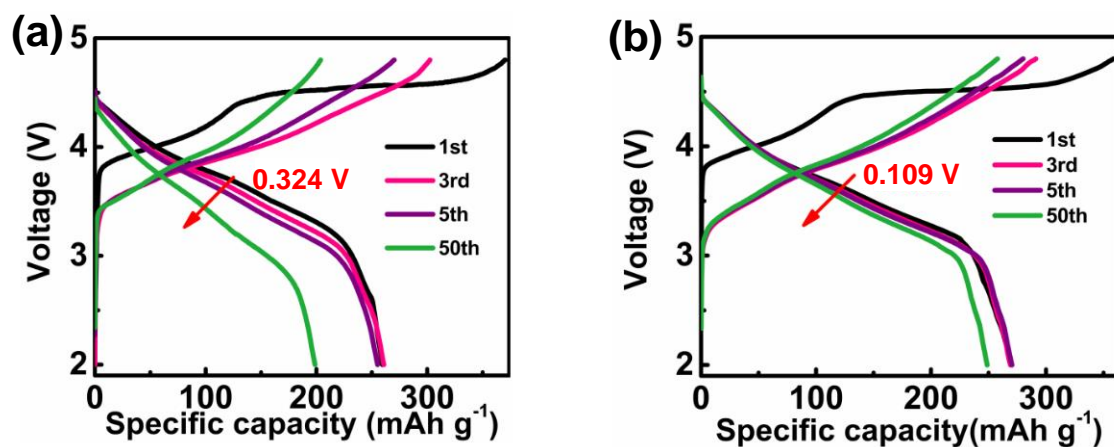


Figure S11 Voltage declining curves of (a) LNMCO and (b) 2% LiTaO₃ samples at the different cycles.

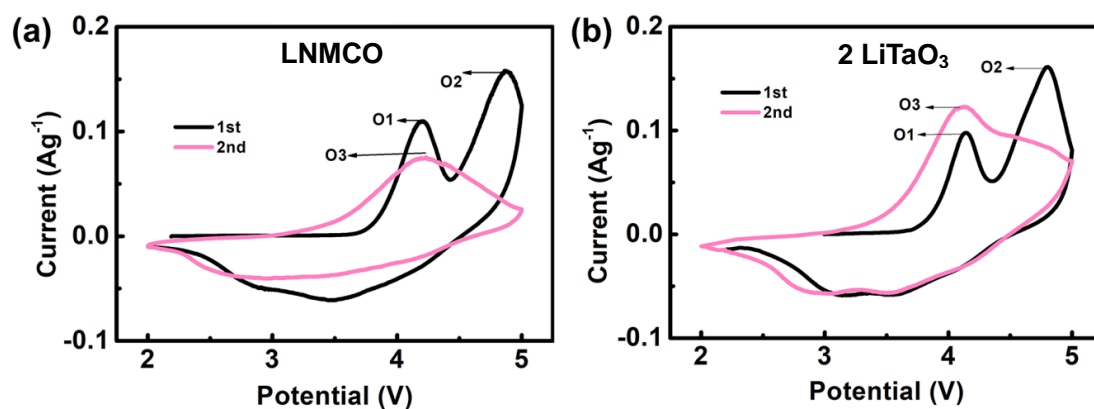


Figure S12 Cycle voltammetry curves (CV) of the (a) pristine LNMCO and (b) the 2 % LiTaO₃ samples under the 1st and 2nd cycle.

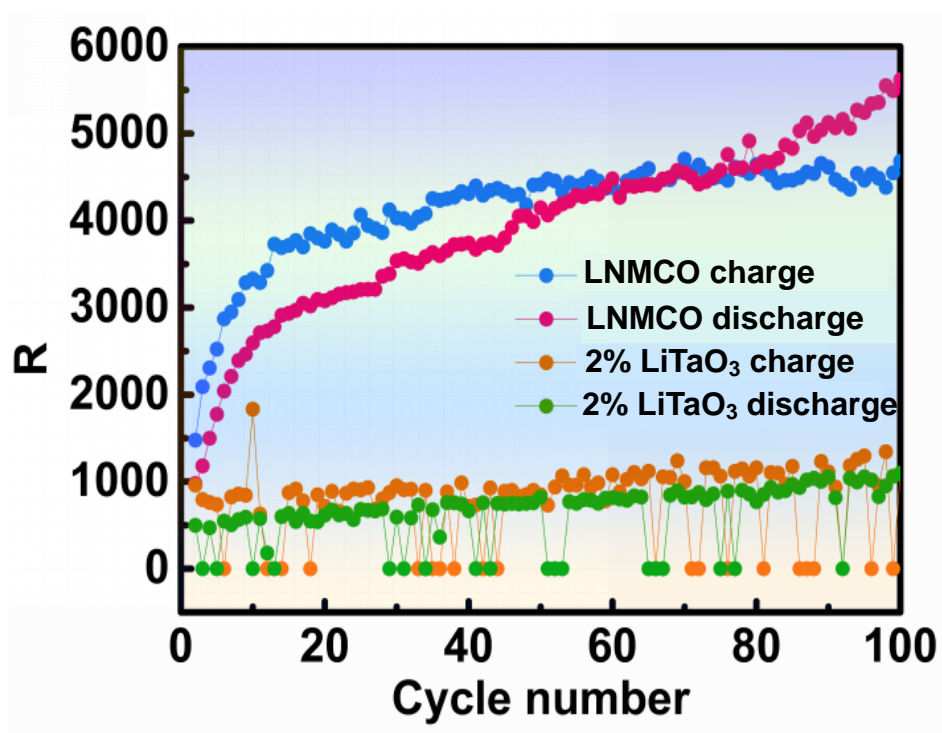


Figure S13 DC internal resistance of charging and discharging of pristine LNMCO and 2 % LiTaO₃.

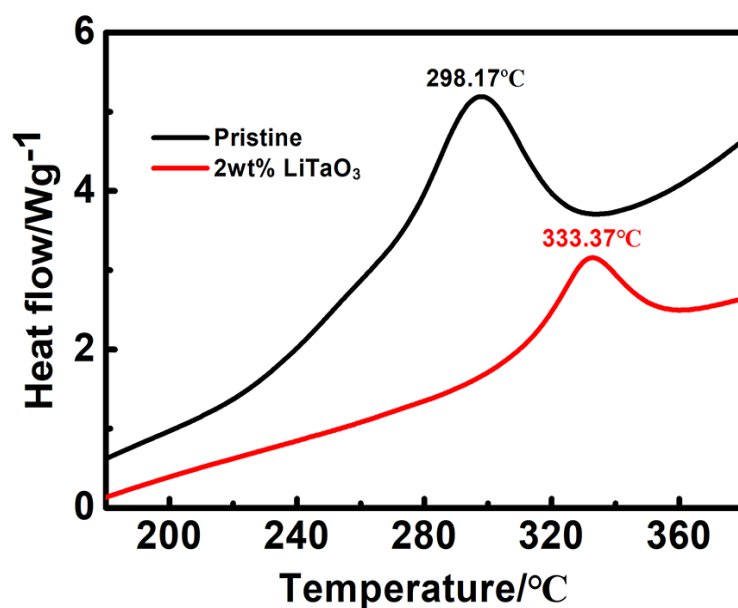


Figure S14 DSC curves of the pristine LNMCO and the 2 % LiTaO₃ samples.

For the practical application of LIBs, safety is a critical concern, especially for high energy density devices. The thermal stabilities of pristine LNMCO and 2 % LiTaO₃ electrodes were investigated by DSC measurement, as shown in **Fig. S12**, in which the exothermic peak of 2 % LiTaO₃ material shifts to a higher temperature (333 °C) than that of the pristine LNMCO (298 °C). Meanwhile, the peak area of the 2 % LiTaO₃, on behalf of heat release, distinctly reduces compared with that of the pristine LNMCO. Therefore, it could be concluded that the thermal stability of 2 % LiTaO₃ is significantly enhanced with LiTaO₃-coating layer.

Table S1 Lattice parameters and d-spacing values of the main diffraction peaks for LiTaO₃ and LNMCO.

	a (Å)	c (Å)	d (nm)
LNMC0	2.852(2)	14.226(2)	0.47
LiTaO₃	5.154(3)	13.783(5)	0.37

The lattice mismatch is calculated according to the formula as following:

$$\delta = \frac{a_{LNMC0} - a_{LTO}}{a_{LNMC0}}$$

here a_{LNMC0} represents the lattice parameter of the pristine LNMCO material, and a_{LTO} represents the lattice parameter of the LiTaO₃ coating material.

According to the structure diagrams of LNMCO and LiTaO₃ as shown in **Fig. S3**, the most preferred orientation is paralleled with //aob. In addition, a in the above formula refers to cell parameter in the crystal unit. According to the collected XRD profiles and thus calculated lattice constants (shown in Table S1), the epitaxial growth of LiTaO₃ has a great chance to be stacked along c orientation due to the low lattice mismatch.

Table S2 Calculated lattice parameters from refinement results of pristine and LiTaO₃-LNMCO samples.

Sample	a(Å)	c(Å)	$I_{(003)}/I_{(104)}$	c/a
LNMCO	2.852(2)	14.226(2)	1.424	4.988
1 % LiTaO ₃	2.852(3)	14.227(4)	1.429	4.988
2 % LiTaO ₃	2.852(5)	14.228(2)	1.439	4.989
3 % LiTaO ₃	2.852(6)	14.229(6)	1.423	4.989

Table S3 The calculated values of FWHMs and polarization degree from CV spectra of the pristine LNMCO and 2% LiTaO₃ electrodes.

Sample	FWHM			Polarization		
	O1	O2	O3	O1	O2	O3
LNMCO	0.411	0.378	0.657	1.341	1.386	1.599
2% LiTaO ₃	0.369	0.365	0.415	0.992	1.197	1.155

Table S4 R_s , R_{sf} , R_{ct} of pristine LNMCO and 2 % LiTaO₃ at different cycles.

		1st	10th	20th	30th	40th
LNMCO	R_s	2.0	3.4	4.7	6.9	10.4
	R_{sf}	25.0	26.1	35.1	55.8	131.2
	R_{ct}	467.0	216.8	447.7	608.6	825.0
2 % LiTaO ₃	R_s	1.3	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.2
	R_{sf}	15.2	16.9	17.4	18.9	28.9
	R_{ct}	127.2	195.6	193.2	209.0	261.4

Table S5 The elastic coefficients of the pristine LNMCO sample.

Elastic coefficient (MPa)	
LNMCO	75596
	75272
	77576
	77351
	75189
	74087
	76784
	77125
	77825
Mean	76312